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△キオ Kio

AN ANGEL ON MANIFIS' DUTY. HE HAS WINGS THE COLOR OF THE SUN. HE'S GOT A STRONG SENSE OF JUSTICE.

フラウ Fraw △

ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS. HE'S KIO'S CHILDHOOD FRIEND AND EXCELS IN HEALING TECHNIQUES.

*THE ANGELS' DUTY IS TO PROTECT THE FLOW OF HUMAN LIVES. THE "ANGEL" KIO HAS A MARK ON HIS LEFT HAND WHICH IS THE SIGN OF THE NEXT ARCHANGEL.
*ALL THE ANGELS WERE TOLD ABOUT THE TRUE ORIGINS OF THE MANIFIS, AND THE ANGELS' WORLD FELL INTO TURMOIL. KIO RESOLUTELY TRAINED UNDER GREG IN ORDER TO BECOME STRONGER, AND MADE GREAT PROGRESS.
*KIO KNOWS THAT ZEHTA PLANS TO DESTROY THE ANGELS AND ALLOW ALL THE SOULS IN THE SOUL PRISON TO BE REINCARNATED. ZEHTA HIMSELF REALIZED THAT HIS OTHER HALF EXISTS WITHIN KIO.
*WHAT WILL HAPPEN AS KIO AND THE OTHER ANGELS SEARCH FOR THE DESERT WHERE ZEHTA IS...!?

MANIFIS EVIL SPIRITS THAT COME TO EARTH THROUGH A "PATH" FROM THE SOUL PRISON. THEY USED TO BE HUMAN SOULS, AND THEY POSSESS PARTS OF DECEASED SOULS OR LIVING HUMANS.

READ VOLUME 1-6 TO KNOW MORE!

FORMERLY ONE OF THE SEVEN ANGELS. HAS A SCAR ON HIS FACE.

HEAD OF THE SEVEN ANGELS IN TRUTH. HE'S THE ARCH-ANGEL.

ANGEL ON MANIFIS DUTY.

ANGEL. HE CAN SENSE THE "COLOR" OF MANIFIS.

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WE CAN'T DIG ANY DEEPER THAN THIS. IT WOULD TAX THE TREE.
Rustle
HOW IS IT?
YEAH ...
THE SITUATION IS BAD ENOUGH THAT IT'S SPREAD BELOW.
STILL, IT'S COLD.
COLD?

BDMP
GREEN?
BURST
GREEN!
What the !?

Hi
crumble
GET OUT OF THE HOLE!
slam
Flap
GET AWAY FROM THE HOLE! I'LL FILL IT IN!

SWSH
IT FILLED UP—
All at once.
Gyahh
SLAM
RETURN TO WHERE YOU BELONG!

CHATTER
LORD JESSIE, THOSE WERE...
MANIFIS, YES
ANYWAY, THEY'RE BACK WHERE THEY CAME FROM
...ICE...
GREEN?

A TREE OF ICE.

I SENSED MANIFIS FOR AN INSTANT, BUT—

It's already gone.

...?

KIO..
THE SECOND SOUL INSIDE OF KIO WILL CALL TO HIM.
KIO
SORRY
I...
Huh?
KIO
....

LATELY...
THERE'S BEEN SOMEONE TALKING INSIDE MY HEAD
I STARTED HEARING IT A LONG TIME AGO.
AT FIRST I THOUGHT IT WAS MY IMAGINATION, BUT IT'S SO DISTINCT...
I THINK IT'S SOMEONE'S VOICE.
LIKE WHOSE?

NOT LIKE A NEWBORN ANGEL...?
IS THAT VOICE ACTUALLY...
ANTE!

Hmm...
SOUNDS LIKE A SENIOR STUDENT.
What does that mean?

IF YOU CAN AT LEAST GET THE DIRECTION
Flap
IS THE DESERT FAR OFF?
Rest a bit.
SORRY.. I COULDN'T FIND ZEHTA'S COLOR.
SEARCHING FOR COLORS IS PRETTY TIRING.
You OK?
Yeah, I'm fine
Wilt
IT'S ALL JUST TREES
WE FLEW A WAYS OFF, BUT THERE WAS NOTHING.
HOW ABOUT YOU, TIG, DEAN?
HEEEEY!
Rustle
I'VE GOT IT!
KIO?
AND NONE OF THEM CONNECT TO THE ANGELS' WORLD.
SO WE CAN'T HEAD HOME AND INVESTI-GATE?
What's going on?
OH!

FLOWER —?
Could you come out for a bit—?

YOU CALLED?

FLOWER OFFICERS
ARE YOU THERE?

A DESERT?
THE ONE CLOSEST TO HERE?
THAT WAY!

AH!
KIO!
IT'S KIO!
POP
POP
POP

FLARE
BUT IT'S REALLY FAR!
EVEN IF YOU FLY!
THEN...
IT'S FAR BY BIKE, TOO.
Huh?
Flak
LET ME HELP.
oh!
oh!

EARTH EMPEROR OF THE EAST!
Another Emperor!?
Wow!
EM ...!!

Another amazing light.
WHO IS HE?!
HUH... WHY...!?

RIDE ONE OF MY VASSALS.
YOU SHOULD CONSERVE AS MUCH ENERGY AS POSSIBLE, RIGHT?

ゴゴゴゴゴゴ
RUMBLE

LUM. . CAN I ASK FOR ONE MORE THING?
WHAT WOULD THAT BE?
THANK YOU
OH NO, I'M SORRY THAT THIS IS ALL I CAN DO
Amazing
The ground
MAYBE IT'S JUST THIS AREA.
BUT WE CAN'T FIND ANY PATHS BACK TO THE ANGELS' WORLD.
IF ANYTHING STRANGE OCCURS ON EARTH, PLEASE SEND WORD TO THE ANGELS' WORLD.
IT'S NOT JUST EARTH.

NONE OF THE ROADS THAT LEAD TO THE ANGELS' WORLD IN ANY OTHER WORLD WILL OPEN.
THAT'S INCREDIBLE.
...IS ZEHTA'S POWER REALLY THAT STRONG!?
LET'S GO.

WE HAVE TO HURRY AND FIND HIM TO STOP HIM.
Zero doubt, huh.
WE DON'T KNOW IF IT'S HIS REAL BODY OR A REPLICA IN THE DESERT, BUT...
LET'S GO.

SWISH
HAVE THE PATHS TO EARTH CLOSED?
HALF-WAY.
HALF-WAY?
WE CAN STILL TRAVEL TO EARTH, BUT WE CAN'T RETURN TO THE ANGELS' WORLD.
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL THEY ARE COMPLETELY CLOSED, HOW-EVER.
AT LEAST OUR "VOICES" WON'T BE CUT OFF.
LOREIN.

—LOREIN?
I WONDER.
THEY'LL REACH THE DESERT BY DAWN.
THANK YOU
ANYTIME.
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK, SKY EMPEROR OF THE EAST
swsh

WE REALLY AREN'T GETTING ANY WIND RESISTANCE
SO FAST!
IT'S THE WIND EMPEROR.
Whoa!
YOU WEREN'T SUPPOSED TO TELL
I WANTED TO HELP SECRETLY.
SORRY.
THE WIND'S PARTED.
AND WE'RE RIDING IT. THAT'S WHY IT'S SO FAST.
WISH
WIND EMPEROR?

YOU COULD HAVE FLOWN ON THE WIND,
BUT SIX OF YOU IN ONE PLACE WOULD HAVE BEEN DIFFICULT
I'M SPEEDING UP- HOLD ON TIGHT.
OK!
THANK YOU!

IT SURPRISES ME THAT EVERY TIME I SEE KIO, HIS LIGHT HAS CHANGED.
UM... WELL... A FEW MORE...
DAMMIT KIO, HOW MANY EMPERORS DO YOU KNOW!?
THE SEVEN ANGELS ARE ODDLY AFFECTIONATE TOWARD KIO, HUH.
Why you!?
I don't know!
THE DESERT... GETS HOT WHEN THE SUN'S UP.
LUKE DOESN'T DO WELL IN THE HEAT.
DAWN'S COME.
HIS COLOR HAS GOTTEN CLOSER TO LORD LOREIN'S...
MAYBE KIO REALLY IS SOMEHOW DIFFERENT FROM OTHER ANGELS, HUH.

ANGELS DON'T ACTUALLY GO INTO DESERTS, YOU KNOW.
YOU CAN REST THIS ROUND
You think I can?
KIO.
YOU SHOULD SLEEP UNTIL WE ARRIVE.
YOU MUST BE TIRED AFTER THE FIGHT AT THE LAKE
FLOP
YOU'RE PRETTY AMAZING, FRAW...
THE EMPERORS MUST HAVE COME TO HELP US BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE.
WHAT!?

Z...zzzz
BUT HE WOULDN'T BELIEVE ME IF I TOLD HIM THAT THE EMPERORS HAVE ALWAYS LIKED HIM!
THAT'S NOT IT! THEY'RE HERE BECAUSE OF YOU, NOT ME!
AND I'M SURE THE ARCHANGEL (LOREIN) IS BEHIND IT..!
NO, WELL...
EVEN THE EMPERORS THINK YOU'RE DOING GREAT
Mm!
Kio!
WE'VE BEEN FOUND OUT.

MANIFIS!
ROAR
AH!

RETURN TO WHERE YOU BELONG!
GAAAH
POP
AH!
POP
POP

IS EVERY-ONE OK?
YEAH.
THAT WAS SUDDEN.
GRUMBLE
OH!

THOSE TWO STRONG MANIFIS FROM BEFORE... ONE OF THEM IS UP AHEAD.
WHAT ABOUT ZEHTA?
I STILL CAN'T SEE HIM.
AND THERE ARE A LOT MORE MANIFIS WITH HIM, EH?
WIND EMPEROR, EARTH VASSALS, AND FLOWER OFFICERS
THANK YOU FOR YOUR AIDE THUS FAR
I WOULD ASK THAT YOU WITH-DRAW FROM HERE AS WE PROCEED.
WE WILL.
GOOD LUCK, EVERYONE!
YEAH!
THANK YOU!

Rumble
FLAP
LET'S GO!
AH, WAIT, KIO! DON'T RUSH OFF ALONE!

WHOOSH
THERE HE IS!

BURST
BURST
RUSH
RUSH
THEY'RE COMING!

gyaah!
THRUST
ROAR
THEY AVOIDED ME!?

SWSH
PANG
FWOOM

SLAM
Fwsh
!
WHAT WAS THAT...? IT'S LIKE AN INVISIBLE SHIELD REFLECTED THE FEATHERS BACK!
FRAW.
I'M FINE

I'LL TRY ONCE MORE, JUST TO MAKE SURE.
WAIT, KIO!
LONG DISTANCE FEATHER TECHNIQUES WON'T WORK!
SWSH
SLAM

THESE ARE YOUR FEATHERS, KIO!? WATCH WHERE YOU'RE THROWING THEM!
SORRY!
WHOA!
FWSH
FWSH
THE FEATHERS I THREW WENT RIGHT BACK AT HIM, BUT WHEN I THREW THEM
WHY...
ANTE!
HEY!
BURST
GRAB
UGH!

THRUST
CRUMBLE
Ohhh
FIND ZEHTA.
ANTE!
KIO, GO!
Aaaah!
I'LL FIGHT THIS GUY.

About Wings

When the angels that I draw stretch out their wings, they're really large
I was thinking... if a bird or something were to get that big, their wings would also get big, so I made them so large to balance it out.
Plus these angel wings can be moved with relatively fine control.
They can be toys for Silk and Milk to run around on ✿
And blankets ✿
Like in the picture below, they can be used instead of hands ✿
Every now and then, I dream about flying. But if humans really had wings and could fly, then cars and other things would be too small for us, huh
I think about that sort of stuff as I draw --

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Whirl
Toss
Agh!
swish
FLIP
SKY,
TAKE CARE OF CREPE
ANTE!
blink

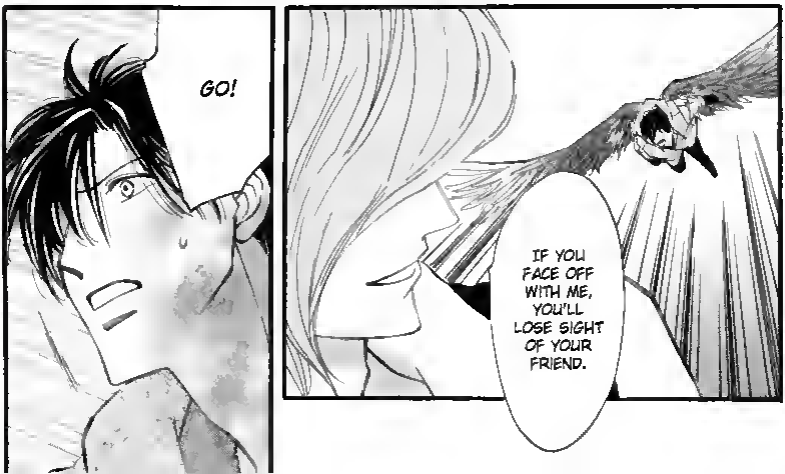
GYAA!
Eeeek
LUKE, TAKE CARE OF THE CELESTIAL BEASTS.
TIG, BACK UP FRAW.
crumble
ok
What!?
IT'S A GOOD CALL.
WHY ARE YOU IN CHARGE!?
swoosh

ANTE'S IN THERE?
crash
MAYBE THEY'RE TRYING TO SEPARATE US.
I'LL PULL THE MANIFIS OUT OF THE GROUND.
TAKE CARE OF ANTE.

Kieeee
Rustle
Rush
BURST
BURST
BURST
SLAM
THERE ARE SO MANY OF THEM!
THERE ARE TOO MANY MANIFIS IN THE GROUND. I CAN'T REACH ANTE.

KHOOM
crash
SWOOSH

FWISH
WHEN DID HE...!?
WE MEET AGAIN.
FROOM
FORGET IT.


GO!
IF YOU FACE OFF WITH ME, YOU'LL LOSE SIGHT OF YOUR FRIEND.

DEAN!
GO, KID!
THWACK
WAOOH
GO!
SWOOP

SWISH

BACK THEN, I UNDERESTIMATED THIS MANIFIS...
A LITTLE.

HE CONTROLLED A MASS AMOUNT OF VINES,
AND I COULDN'T CATCH HIM.
BUT BACK THEN,
HE DIDN'T HAVE THAT SHIELD AROUND HIM.
SO MAYBE...
SNSH
SWIP!
CREAK

BURST

SLICE
!
CRUMBLE

crumble
WHERE THE HECK DID THAT GUY COME FROM!?
RETREAT.
WAIT, TIG!
Like we'll let you!

FWOOM
FLAMES ...!!
NO TIME TO CLEAR THEM WITH A FEATHER TECHNIQUE!
HIDE YOUR WINGS!

FWOOM
Gyaa
TIG!
FWSH
!
EVEN IF TIG'S WINGS ARE RESISTANT TO FLAME, THAT MUCH OF IT...

SPLASH
THEY GOT AWAY.
THE FLAMES CLEARED OUT ALL THE OTHER MANIFIS.
YEAH, BUT.. THE RAIN REALLY SAVED US.
SSSSt
!

THIS GUY USES FIRE, SO HE WON'T BE ABLE TO DEFEND AGAINST FEATHERS NOW!
WHAT'S WITH THE SUDDEN DOWN-POUR!?
GO FOR IT!
TAKE ME DOWN.
I BET YOU'RE THINKING YOU HAVE THE AD-VANTAGE.
ヒュッ

Pang
SLAM
THEY RE-FLECTED BACK!
GRAB

YOU REALLY ARE A PUSHOVER, FOR AN ANGEL.
I WONDER IF YOU COULD EVEN MAKE IT TO LORD ZEHTA'S PLACE.
SHOVE

HEY, WHAT HAPPENS WHEN AN ANGEL'S WINGS WITHER AWAY?
WHEN I MADE AN ANGEL'S HEAD WITHER AWAY BEFORE THEY DIED
Thrum
HOW IS IT? SUFFER MORE!
IS MY POISON SO STRONG THAT YOU CAN'T EVEN REACT?
MAYBE.
BUT I TALKED TO LORD WEI, AND IT SEEMS LIKE I'M THE ONLY ANGEL OUT THERE ——...

SLAM
WHO IS IMMUNE TO POISON.
NO... WAY...
CRUMBLE

BURST
ARE YOU OK!?
THAT WAS AMAZING, DEAN.

YOU MADE IT IN TIME. YOU CAN STOP NOW.
YOU'RE SURE?
YES. THANK YOU, SKY EMPEROR.
OH, IT WAS NOTHING.
HOW FRUSTRATING.

IS THERE ANYTHING ELSE I CAN HELP WITH, LOREIN?
I'LL ASK IF THE NEED ARISES.
Why is the water emperor of the east there?
LOREIN?
WOULD YOU LOOK IN ON KIO AND THE OTHERS FOR ME?
DID SOME-THING HAPPEN?
THE TREES ARE CRYING OUT...

LORD ENRA.
MORE "HOLES" HAVE STARTED APPEARING.
WE CAN'T REPAIR THEM ALL QUICKLY ENOUGH.
THAT THE PATHS... ARE GOING TO CLOSE COMPLETELY.
MY VASSALS ON EARTH AND THE ANGELS CONTINUE THE DIFFICULT FIGHT.
WE MUST ENDURE.
ZEHTA... WHEN YOU RETURN HERE, I'LL MAKE CERTAIN YOU REPENT FOR YOUR WAYS.
BUT FOR NOW, I HAVE NO CHOICE BUT TO RELY ON THE PEOPLE ON EARTH.

I'LL PUT MY FAITH IN THE ANGEL WHO CARRIES ZEHTA'S OTHER HALF.
crumble
I CAN'T SENSE THEIR PRESENCE LIKE I USED TO BE ABLE TO
BUT IT'S STRANGE
JUST HOW MANY MANIFIS ARE IN THE GROUND!?
HE'S EVEN FARTHER AWAY!
crash

RUMBLE
AT THIS RATE, ANTE WILL...
ANTE...
GO BACK TO WHERE YOU BELONG!
Slam
Hold on, Silk!
ONE MORE TIME ...!
I'LL RISK IT ON THIS!

SLAM
Crash
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
REACH HIM —— !
WHAM

FWSH
BOOM
HE STOPPED
...

ANTE!
Fump
WHEN I WAS UNDER-GROUND... I FIGURED IT OUT.
Huh?
Mew
KIO.
THANKS... WHERE'S CREPE?
HE'S SAFE
YOU GOT THEM ALL AT ONCE

ACROSS THE MOUNTAIN, ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE SEA FAR AHEAD.
I SAW IT...
THAT WAY...
AND A REALLY SCARY COLOR
A NUMBER OF STRONG MANIFIS...
THAT MEANS ...
BUT THIS ONE SEEMS STRONGER.
THE COLOR IS CLOSE TO ZEHTA'S REPLICA,

ON EARTH... I HEARD A STORY ABOUT A PHANTOM TREE OF ICE THAT EXISTED IN A LAND OF ICE AND SNOW... SO I LOOKED FOR IT...
AND WHEN I FOUND IT...
ZEHTA'S REAL BODY...!?

...I SEE.
I'M SORRY, IT'S TAKING A WHILE TO REMEMBER ANYTHING BEYOND A "TREE OF ICE"
NO, IT'S LIKELY THAT THE ONE WHO SEALED AWAY GREEN'S MEMORIES WAS ——
...TENRI, GREG.
YEAH.
GET AWAY FROM THE TREE!
THERE'S A GREAT NUMBER OF MANIFIS COMING!

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YOU SENT THAT GUY BACK ALL BY YOURSELF!?
THAT'S AMAZING, DEAN.
SORRY, MINE GOT AWAY.
THERE WERE TWO OF THEM FIGHTING YOU, FRAW. IT COULDN'T BE HELPED.
JUST WHEN I THOUGHT WE WERE DOWN TO ONE POWERFUL OPPONENT, THERE WAS ANOTHER.
WILT
IT'S NO BIG DEAL.
NOPE, IT IS AMAZING. THAT GUY WAS PRETTY POWERFUL.

SPEAKING OF WHICH, THAT RAIN
THE CLOUDY SKIES REALLY SAVED US RIGHT, LUKE?
IT WAS PROBABLY THE SKY EMPEROR HELPING US.
WHAT!?
ANOTHER EMPEROR!?
WE MUST BE UNDER THEIR PROTEC-TION.
THAT'S SO AMAZING, FRAW...
IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE HERE, KIO.
HEY... WAS I THE ONLY ONE WHO COULDN'T SENSE THOSE MANIFIS?
YOU TOO, TIG!?

...NO ONE COULD?
THINGS ARE GETTING MORE AND MORE MESSED UP.
WE WON'T KNOW WHEN THEY'RE COMING FOR US, SO EVERYONE NEEDS TO STAY ON GUARD.
AND ALSO...
MAYBE I WAS IMAGINING IT, BUT...
IT SEEMED LIKE THE MANIFIS WEREN'T ATTACKING ME
THEY AVOIDED ME.

FRAW...?
FRAW...
THERE IS ANOTHER SOUL INSIDE KIO.
WHEN THE TIME COMES, YOU CAN TELL HIM ABOUT IT.
I WILL LEAVE THAT DECISION UP TO YOU.
ZEHTA SAID...
THAT HE WAS "WAITING" FOR YOU, KIO.

THERE'S SOMETHING YOU NEED TO HEAR, KIO LET'S LAND.
RUSTLE
RUSTLE
RUN!

Eeeek
CRASH
BURST

THEY'RE COMING OUT OF THE TREE ROOTS
WHAT NUMBERS!
ERYL!
LADY ERYL!
GET OUT OF HERE!
WILL DO!
I'LL TAKE CARE OF THE SILVER PALACE
IT'LL BE HARD TO KEEP THEM ALL PINNED DOWN HERE.
MARY! TAKE CARE OF THE BIRTHING BUILDING.

Ah!
What?
Swish
THE SKY'S GOTTEN DARK
Fwsh
Grumble
EVERYONE IN THE MEDICAL BUILDING, HEAD TO THE INNER CHAMBER
SLAM

Arrr!
HURRY!
YES, SIR!
HURRY AND GET IN!
Whoa! There are so many chasing them!!
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM
WHAM

Float
YOU CAN HANDLE THINGS HERE.
YOU CAN'T! YOU SHOULD STAY IN THE RAINBOW PALACE..!
GET TO A ROOM WITHOUT WINDOWS!
KORUMA!
Crumble
THE ARCHANGEL TOO MUST DO WHAT HE CAN.
KIO AND THE OTHERS ARE FIGHTING WITHOUT REST
Crumble

PLEASE DON'T OVERDO IT!
Sure, sure.
Honestly, this arch-angel of ours!
Take care of things here.
THEY WON'T STOP COMING!
IS IT JUST THE GREAT TREE?
IT SEEMS SO, FOR NOW.
Slap
Crumble
THE GREAT TREE IS SCREAMING.
AT THIS RATE...
GREEN, LEAVE THE MANIFIS TO US. TAKE CARE OF THE TREE!
CAN IT ENDURE THIS?

IT WILL...!
I WON'T LET IT DIE!
slap
THAT'S RIGHT.
THAT'S THE JOB OF A TREE DOCTOR
WE'LL PROTECT IT.

Hm?
Float
GO TO EARTH, TENRI.
LOREIN?
BEFORE THE PATHS CLOSE

GUIDE KIO TO THE TREE OF ICE.
BUT I HAVE TO TAKE CARE OF THINGS HERE FIRST!
THERE'S NO TIME.

GO, TENRI.
POP
GLOMP
HUH !?

D... DAMMIT, SLEET!
GET GOING, TENRI!
TAKE CARE OF THINGS ON EARTH!
AWH, GEEZ!

SLITHER
Slither
DID HE MAKE IT?
Ugh!
GREEN!
SLITHER
Shit!
THERE ARE TOO MANY OF THEM!

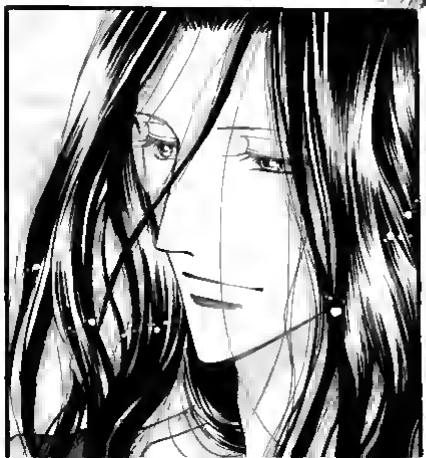
DON'T MOVE, GREG!
HUH?!
RUSTLE

WHOOSH
CLOSE.

Hssss
Shiver
Crumble

DID I MAKE IT?
LOREIN!
I'M FINE
sss

Flap
SORRY I'M LATE.
THAT TECHNIQUE IS FORBIDDEN!
WHAT WOULD'VE HAPPENED IF YOUR ARM WENT DEAD!?
WHO CAN SAY?



LORD .. LO .. REIN..

I'LL LEAVE THE GREAT TREE UP TO YOU.
YES, SIR..!
KIO...?
DO YOU UNDER-STAND ...?

ZEHTA'S PAST,
HIS TWO SOULS,
AND THE NEWBORN ANGEL WHO DISAPPEARED IN MY ARMS.
THAT STUFF... [illegible] HAPPEN!?
SO THIS ENTIRE TIME EVER SINCE I WAS A STUDENT ...!?
HAVE FAITH, KIO!
He said it's not an evil influence, either!
YEAH...
...SO HE'S ALIVE.
THAT NEWBORN...
HAS BEEN LIVING INSIDE ME
AND THAT VOICE I'D HEAR FROM TIME TO TIME...
I SEE.

WHAT A RELIEF—
Huh?
EVEN IF HE WAS A NEWBORN, HE'S ZEHTA'S OTHER HALF. HAVING THAT INSIDE YOU MUST BE HORRIBLE.
NOT REALLY, IT'S FINE.
I'd have fainted from shock. But it is Kio
KIO, THIS ISN'T SOMETHING TO BE HAPPY ABOUT.
ZEHTA SAID HE'D BE "WAITING" FOR YOU.
ZEHTA MUST HAVE NOTICED THAT HIS OTHER HALF IS INSIDE KIO.
I'LL BE WAITING,
ANGEL THE COLOR OF THE SUN.

ISN'T IT BETTER IF KIO DIDN'T MEET ZEHTA, THEN?
THAT... IS BAD NEWS, RIGHT?
THAT IS WHY HE'S TRYING TO DRAW YOU TO HIM UNINJURED.
IF ZEHTA REGAINS HIS OTHER HALF, HE'LL BE EVEN MORE POWERFUL THAN BEFORE
Splash

KIO
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL LET ZEHTA HAVE THE ANGEL INSIDE ME
DON'T WORRY.
I WON'T LET HIM HAVE HIM.
I MADE HIM A PROMISE, BACK THEN...
THAT I'D PROTECT HIM.

SO I'LL GO TO ZEHTA.
THE ANGEL INSIDE OF ME MUST BE LISTENING.
I WANT HIM TO KNOW THAT HE CAN'T JUST KEEP RUNNING.
IF THE ANGEL RE-MEMBERS HIS LIFE,

WE'LL FIGHT TOGETHER.
AND AFTER WE SEND ZEHTA BACK,
HE CAN COME OUT FROM INSIDE OF ME.

OK, WE'LL FIGHT TOO.
IT'S A LOT FOR JUST THE TWO OF YOU.
Thanks!
But since when do you give us orders!?
I didn't mean to!
UM...
THEN IT'S DECIDED! LET'S GO.
THAT SOUNDS LIKE YOU, KIO.

CAN I MAYBE STAY HERE?
ANTE ..
I MEAN, I REALLY DO WANT TO FIGHT WITH YOU GUYS. BUT IT'S STARTING TO GET PRETTY COLD, RIGHT!?
AND WHERE WE'RE HEADED IS PROBABLY GOING TO BE EXTREMELY COLD.
THAT'S RIGHT, ANTE COULDN'T FLY ON THE SNOWY MOUNTAIN BEFORE.
YEAH! I'M SURE THAT I WOULD SLOW EVERY-ONE DOWN.
AND TRUTH IS, I'M COMPLETELY WORN OUT WITH ALL THESE STRANGE THINGS HAPPENING
Right?!
WELL ...
AND IF ZEHTA IS GUIDING YOU TO HIM, THEN MY ROLE IN ALL THIS IS DONE, RIGHT!?

—...IT'S TRUE THAT IT'D BE TOUGH ON ANTE FROM HERE ON OUT.

I'LL WAIT RIGHT HERE, SO GO ON!
EVEN IF WE CAN'T SENSE MANIFIS, YOU'LL ALL BE FINE TOGETHER.
Desperate

YEAH.
WE'LL COME BACK FOR YOU!
OK, ANTE.

FLAP
AL-RIGHT
LET'S GO.

IT'S RIGHT ACROSS THE SEA, I'M SURE OF IT.

SORRY, DEAN. I'M R— REALLY DONE FOR IT!

Stay on guard!
Take care, everyone!
ANTE'S GOTTEN STRONG.
WELL, I GUESS THAT SCAREDY-CAT'S DONE PRETTY WELL UP TO NOW.
YOU TOO, CREPE. SORRY.
BUT I SWEAR I'LL PROTECT YOU.
THIS IS ALL I CAN DO FOR YOU, RIGHT NOW.
SORRY, GUYS.
Splish

Rahhh
Rush
IF THE OTHERS KNEW THAT MANIFIS WERE COMING, THEY NEVER WOULD HAVE LEFT ME.

I'LL HANDLE THESE MATTERS.
I DON'T WANT THEM TO USE ANY MORE POWER THAN NECESSARY. [illegible] MEET ZEHTA.
EVEN THOUGH WE SHOULD'VE BEEN WANTING TO GO BACK THIS WHOLE TIME
IT WASN'T THAT MUCH OF A SHOCK
WHEN WE LEARNED THAT WE PROBABLY WON'T BE ABLE TO RETURN TO THE ANGEL'S WORLD UNTIL ZEHTA IS SENT BACK.
IT'S STRANGE.

MAYBE IT'S BECAUSE WE'RE ALL TOGETHER.
OR MAYBE IT'S KIO'S INFLUENCE?
BUT ALSO ...
Slither
CRUSH
NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, WE'VE GOTTEN STRONGER.
SLAM

DEAN ISN'T FOLLOWING US.
HOLD UP!
DEAN!?
float
splsh
I'LL BE FINE...
IT'LL BE FINE, CREPE.
SWSH

I LEARNED THE EXPRESSION YOU MAKE WHEN YOU LIE WHEN WE WERE KIDS, ANTE.
EVEN I COULDN'T TAKE ON THIS MANY ALONE.
BECAUSE DEAN TAUGHT ME...

THAT'S WHY...
MY FEAR HAS ALSO VANISHED.
DON'T WORRY.
I'M THE ONLY ONE WHO CAME BACK.
THAT'S THE DEAL.
I'LL CATCH UP WITH YOU LATER, SO HAVE FAITH IN US AND GO ON AHEAD.
POP
ANTE...
DEAN

WITH HOW THEY'VE GROWN, I KNOW THOSE TWO WON'T LOSE.
LET'S GO.
YEAH.
LET'S NOT LET THEIR FEELINGS GO TO WASTE.
SO WE ALSO HAVE TO DO WHAT WE CAN RIGHT NOW

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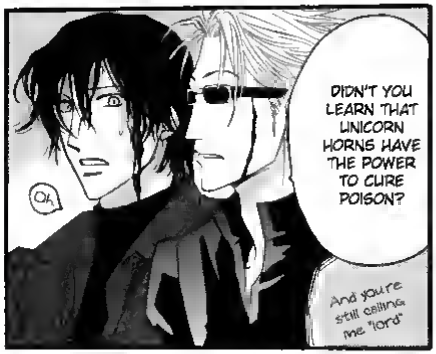
Hhh
crumble
Haaa
Haaa
Haa
Splsh

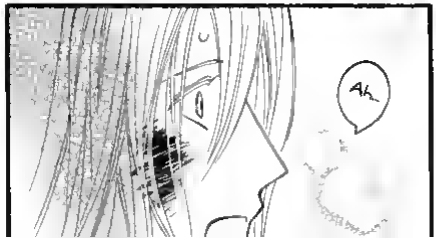
ANTE...?
SORRY... I DON'T HAVE THE STRENGTH TO SEE "COLORS" ANYMORE ...
IS THAT ALL OF THEM..?
I'LL CARRY YOU...
FRAW CAN HEAL YOU
YOU'VE BEEN POISONED
WHAT THE HECK... MY VISION'S NOT SO GREAT... AND IT HURTS TO BREATHE.

Eeeek
Eeeek
Eeek
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S MORE.
I'M FINE. I CAN STILL SEND THEM BACK.
DON'T WORRY ABOUT ME.
DEAN!?
RIGHT NOW, HELPING YOU TAKES PRIORITY, ANTE.
NO...

Aaaaah
Gyaaah
SWSH
MORE ANGELS AND SOUL PRISON ENVOYS.
WHAT ..?

TOUCH
!?


DIDN'T YOU LEARN THAT UNICORN HORNS HAVE THE POWER TO CURE POISON?
And you're still calling me "lord"
Oh


Ah

LORD TENRI
YOU TWO FOUGHT WELL
Huh?

Hey ET
A GREAT MANY MANIFIS IN OTHER AREAS TRAVELED IN THIS DIRECTION ALL AT ONCE. AND WE FOLLOWED
YOU TWO WERE FIGHTING THEM ALONE? MUST HAVE BEEN TOUGH.
I CAN SEE...!
AND I FEEL BETTER.
THANKS, SLEET.
THERE ARE MORE COMING.
I'M BETTER NOW!
ANTE SHOULD REST.
YOU SHOULD BOTH REST. I'VE CALLED IN OTHER ENVOYS.
ANGELS SAVED US BEFORE.
THIS TIME, IT'S OUR TURN TO SAVE YOU.

THEN... WE'LL REST FOR A BIT, THANKS.
SURE.
WE'RE HERE TOO.
WE'LL FIGHT TOGETHER
Thanks!
THESE TWO HAVE GROWN SO MUCH IN SUCH A SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.
Fwoosh
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THE WIND COMING OFF THE SHORE KEEPS GETTING STRONGER, DON'T YOU THINK?
FWOOSH
YEAH...
IT'S PROBABLY ICE CAPS UP AHEAD ...
THEY'RE RULED BY THE ICE EMPEROR, WHO BROKE OFF RELATIONS WITH THE EARTH EMPEROR A LONG TIME AGO.
THAT'S PROBABLY THE REASON THAT HE COULDN'T FIND ZEHTA
—WHY DID THEY STOP TALKING...?

HE DETESTS ANYONE CONNECTED TO HUMANS.
SO...
HE BLAMED THE SHRINK-ING ICE CAPS ON HUMANS, AND COULDN'T LET IT GO.
FOR THE SAME REASON AS THE PEOPLE OF THE TREE RIVER VALLEY.
THEN... WHY IS ZEHTA ON THE ICE CAPS?
FWOOSH

ROAR
WE CAN'T GO ANY FAR-THER!
SHOULD WE START SWIM-MING!?
It's mixed with ice!
IF IT WERE ME, SURE, BUT EVERYONE ELSE COULDN'T ENDURE THE WATER HERE.
Shiver

EVERY-ONE GET ON!
POOF
I ASKED FOR A NEW BIKE, TOO,
BUT THEY DIDN'T FINISH IT...
IN TIME...!

WHOOSH
Luke!

SORRY, BUT I WON'T BE GOING ANY FARTHER EITHER.
slam
I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU.
I DON'T HAVE THE POWER LEFT TO FIGHT OFF THE ICE EMPEROR.

FWOOSH
FWOOSH
GO!
YOU SHOULD GET GOING BEFORE THE WIND GETS ANY STRONGER.
PUSH

TIG!
YOU'D BETTER SEND ZEHTA BACK!
GO, KIO, FRAW!

LEAVE IT TO US!
FRAW! HOLD ON TIGHT. SILK AND MILK, YOU TOO!
YEAH
MEW
MEW
ROAR

YOU COULD'VE GONE, YOU KNOW.
IT WOULD HAVE FIT THREE.
Grab
I WOULD HAVE, IF I HADN'T CAUGHT SIGHT OF THAT.
OH, SO YOU NOTICED?
GIVE ME SOME CREDIT, WILL YOU...

SMASH
GLUB
DIVE

You idiot ...
WHY WOULD HE DIVE IN HIMSELF ....!?
swsh
ROAR

A HAND OF FIRE GRABBED ME!?
WHAT THE !?
GRAB
Aah!
Grind
Grind

DAMN... YOU GUYS... HELPING ZEHTA...
WHEN YOU GET SENT BACK YOU'RE ONLY GOING TO HAVE TO STAY IN THE PRISON LONGER..!
FWSH

BOOM
RUMBLE
IT DIDN'T REACH HIM!?
THAT WAS FROM UNDER WATER
I CAN'T MOVE.
SHIVER

Eeeek!
HUFF
Eeeek!
WHIRL
Eeeek!

CRUMBLE
yet
COCOA
STAY AS FAR FROM THE FIRE AS YOU CAN
Oh
GRAB
Gaah!
CRACK
...UGH!

BURST

SORRY FOR LEAVING YOU.
I THOUGHT I'D SEND BACK THE ONES UNDERWATER FIRST.
LOOKS LIKE AQUATIC WORK IS MY STRONG SUIT, EVEN HERE.
THOSE VINE THINGS SAP YOUR STRENGTH, RIGHT? YOU MUST BE ..
I SHOULD BE ASKING THAT.
YOU OK, TIG?
ゴゴゴゴゴゴゴゴ
BUMBYE!

SLAM
FWSH
SPLASH
SO MY ATTACKS ARE REPELLED OUTSIDE THE WATER?
THE MANIFIS THAT APPEARED LATER THAT CAN USE FIRE
HE'S PROBABLY THE ONE MAKING THE SHIELDS

LUKE.
SO WE'LL HAVE TO ATTACK THEM DIRECTLY?
...
YOU'RE A MESS. IT WAS JUST ONE ANGEL
ENOUGH YOU CAN HEAD BACK
BUT...
METEOR SPIRAL.

Swirl
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SHSH

Swirl
Grind
IF YOU CAN REFLECT ATTACKS ...
TRY RE-FLECTING THIS!
FWSH

HE REFLECTED THEM ALL!
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
SLAM
ZOOM

SWSH
rush
FWSH

GLAM
BRO...
THER...
CRUMBLE

FWSH
CRUMBLE
GOOD TIMING ON THAT MOVE, BERRY.
I'M HAPPY I COULD FINALLY HELP.
TIG, YOU'RE ALL MESSED UP. ARE YOU OK?
Shut up!
POOF
I BET HE HAD TO USE SUCH A BIG SHIELD TO REFLECT THAT GIANT FEATHER TECHNIQUE THAT HE WASN'T ABLE TO COVER HIS BROTHER IN TIME.
SO THEY'RE BROTH-ERS.

SWOOSH
THAT AN ANGEL HAS TRULY MADE ME ANGRY.
BOOM
...THIS IS THE SECOND TIME...

◆ASTERISK 7 / END◆

KIO'S COLOR

SHORTLY AFTER THE ANGEL SENIOR STUDENTS GRADUATE, THEY MOLT AND GROW NEW FEATHERS.
DURING THAT TIME, THEIR HEALTH TAKES A BAD TURN, SO THEY REST IN THE ANGELS' WORLD
Yeah, I'm fine.
Mew
Sneeze

Flutter

THERE ARE SOME ANGELS WHOSE FEATHERS CHANGE COLOR WHEN THEY MOLT, BUT I'M FINE WITH THE COLOR OF MINE.

LORD WEI SAID I'VE GOT THE SIGNS, BUT I HAVEN'T GOTTEN ANY NEW FEATHERS.
I'm just running a fever.
Flop

Same Color
Mew
HUH?
WHOSE IS IT?
WHOA, I'VE NEVER SEEN THIS COLOR
WHAT?!
Mine?!
I LIKE IT, IT'S A WARM COLOR.
WHY'S IT HAVE TO BE THIS COLOR!?
I DON'T LIKE IT!
IT'S PRETTY.
Nice.
THE COLOR SUITS YOU.

THE REST SHOULD COME IN SOON, NOW THAT IT'S COME THIS FAR.
TRUE, THE COLOR'S RARE AND PRETTY FLASHY, BUT DON'T LET IT BOTHER YOU.
IF THEY ALL TURN THIS COLOR, YOU'LL HAVE REALLY FLASHY WINGS.
I...DON'T WANT FRAW TO SEE ME LIKE THIS.
THIS IS THE COLOR I SAW EVER SINCE THE VERY BEGINNING,
KIO... SO YOUR NEW FEATHERS ARE IN
It does bother me!
flutter

◆ Kio's Color / End ◆